PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

The Senate Trying to Evade Railroad Legislation by Establishing a Useless Commission.

The Indian Question Debated by the House in Committee of the Whole.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 .- A Senate bill was passed authorizing the National Bank of Bloomington, Ill., to change its name.

A resolution was agreed to authorizing the Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard to sit during the session for the purpose of securing further statistical information in regard to the cost of transportstion, etc.

After disposing of several matters the Senate resumed consideration of the Inter-State Commerce bill. The House bill, the "Reagan bill," so called, having been already in the Senate read twice by title and placed on the calendar, was now taken from the calendar and read in full.

The question before the Sanate was on the motion of Mr. Cullom heretofore made to strike out all after the enacting clause in the House bill and insert instead the several provisions of the Commission bill, already debated and agreed to in the Senate. The

latter bill was now also read in full. Mr. Beck said the House bill approached the question directly, and did not approach it through means of doubtful constitutionality. The railroads, he eaid, and the best trained attorneys could not place the subject matter of the bill in a position more favora-ble for themselves if they tried than was done by the Senate in agreeing to a Commis-sion bill. The Senate knew the House would never agree to a Commission bill. Senators were simply trying to give the railroads ancourts the ground of unconstitutionality. That ground had not to be controverted in the Senate, since it had been so ably stated by the Senator from Arkansas (Garland) As it was absolutely certain the House

would not accept such a bill, what was the use of evading the question of railroad regu-lation in the way in which the Senate was now doing? The Senate would simply be pretending to do something while taking care not to do anything. The railroads had in one period of sixteen months given the Standard Oil Company rebates amounting to \$10,000,000. Such discrimination showed the necessity for interference on behalf of Mr. Beck moved to amend the House bill

by striking out from the first section the provisions regarding discriminations in passenger accommodation and discrimination on account of color. This would leave the bill, he said, in the condition in which it had been originally brought into the House by Reagan. Mr. Beck said he would also move to amend the House bill so as to prohibit railroads from charging more for carrying freigh's over a part of their line than the charge for carrying them over the whole length of the line. If railroads were common carriers, all persons along their lines, Beck said, ought to be treated with common fairness. fairness. The companies should not be allowed to extort from the people along the line what they lose by gambling in freights at the ends of their roads. Although the tax on exports was unconstitutional, and Congress could not impose oue, yet the railroads could substantially impose such a tax by their discriminating rates. The question was whether Congress would have the courage to declare to the railroads what Congress knew the people wanted the railroads to know. Unless the railroad companies were checked they would very soon control both Houses of Congress. If a proper law were first passed Mr. Beck would then favor a commission, not to legis-

late, but to investigate and report.

Mr. Maxey recognized the great advantages conferred on society by railroads, and had no prejudice against them. He had never owned a railroad bond or a share of stock in his life. The question now, he said, was on the one hand, whether we should have a commission to supervise the railroads, or, on the other hand, should pass laws for their regulation, and leave all the infraction of laws to be dealt with by the courts? With regard to the constitutional right of Congress in the premises, and he was as strict a State rights man as any of them and recognized that Congress had such rights, but he was opposed to the proposed commission, and with regard to the House bill Mr. Maxey thought any measure of railroad regulation must necessarily be tentative. The power and wealth of railroad men were increasing dangerously fast. Almost every railroad in Texas was under the control of Jay Gould. As between the House and Senate bill Mr. Maxey favored the House bill, believing the Commission bill would do no good.

Mr. Coke rose to address the Senate on the bill, but yielded to a motion to go into

A message from the President was laid before the Senate, transmitting the increasing | rest, and the above statement is taken from relative foreign commerce of Mexico, Cen- | them. tral and South America, the Spanish, West Indies, Hayti and San Domingo, and the share of the United States therein. Mr. Voorbees introduced a bill to increase

the limit of the appropriation for the public bailding at Terre Haute to \$200,000. After executive session, adjourned.

The House.

After receiving and disposing of bills reported from committees the House went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Wellborn in

the chair, on the Indian appropriation bill. Mr. Ellis explained the provisions of the bill. He suggested as a practical solution of the Indian question the appointment of a commission to select in the Northwestern country territory similar to the Indian Territory, where Indians would be grouped. where industrial schools and missions could be established, and where the Indian could be taught to support himself. He thought if that idea were carried out, after ten or twelve years, Congress would not be required to pass an Indian appropriation bill.

The tribes would become self-supporting, and in course of time their territory might

be admitted into the union of States. Mr. Throckmorton advocated granting lands in severalty to the Indians an important factor in the work of civilization. Mr. Maginnis spoke in opposition to the practice of the Indians in leasing their lands

for a nominal price to cattle kings. Mr. Ryan earnestly pressed upon the at-tention of the committee the importance of taking some immediate action to settle the disputed question as to whether that portion of the Indian Territory, known as the Okla-

had settled upon that land, claiming it balonged to the United States, and therefore they had a right to settle upon it. It was ciaimed by the Government that the Seminole and Creek Indians ceded the land to Government to locate friendly Indians sion on individual indebtedness. there. Subsequently to the session the Govneither affirmed nor denied the claim on either side, but the importance of settling the disputed question could not be overes-

timated. Mr. Perkins followed in the same vein and impressed upon the committee that it was the duty of Congress to frame some legislation pertaining to the Oklahoma lands, and restricting the power of the Indians to lease their lands for nominal prices. He sent to the Clerk's desk and had read a series of resolutions adopted at Howard, Kansas, denouncing as an outrage the treat neut by the Government of the Oklahoma settlers, who are striving to make homes on the lands belonging to the people, and to use the army to drive out actual settlers on any public

Mr Cutcheon gave his judgment that the Oklahoma strip was not a portion of the public domain. It was a parcel of land which the Government held as trustee for specific

Mr. O'Neil, of Missouri, said the Indian question had reached a point where it must be taken hold of by Congress, not only for the purpose of taking care of the Indians, but for the purpose of taking care of the white people. A few days ago the would-be leaders of political sentiment, on both sides of the House, had attempted to explain to the country the cause of the suffering in large cities, the cause why so many mills were idle and so many men out of employment. They need not imagine they have deceived the people for one instant. Workingmen realize the displacement of human labor by mechanical labor had created a problem to which there was but one solution, and that was the encouragement of workmen to leave the cities and settle upon the public lands, where the could earn a livlihood. O'Neil declared that no sense of judgment would be tolerated to employ such lands as the Indian Territory, lying without any possible hope of being occupied by Indians, simply'to be let to the rapacity hundred thound acres were leased by this other chance by giving them a commission, and that syndicate at a nominal sum, while against which the railroads could urge in the | a hundred thousand people were wanting them for homes. This idea of the sacredness treaties which should be recognized, should not be carried to the edge of idocy. The Indians should be recompensed for whatever land was taken from them, but the balance of the land should be reserved for actual settlers only.

Pending further debate, the committee rose, and public business being suspended, the House proceeded to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of the late John H. Evans, of South Carolina. Eulogistic addresses were made by Messra. Brattan, Dibble, Tollman, Browne, of Indiana; Hardeman, of Georgia; Dowd and Dunham, and then as further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House adjourned.

CHICKEN THIEVES KILLED.

Iwo Men with Bags Filled with Feathered Plunder Shot and Killed by the Police.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 20.—The police shot and killed two chicken thieves early this morning. They had been out in the suburbs, and had a large number of fine chickens in bags on their backs. One of them threw down his bag and started to run; the other was captured on the spot by Officer Thomas Hutchins, who took the other bag of chickens and started toward the city with the captured man, whose name was Sanders. After going about twenty-five yards Hutchins threw down the bag, saying it was too heavy, and tried to put the nippers en his man. He resisted and struck at Hutchins with his left hand, in which he had an ax with a short bandle which had been used to open chicken coops. The officer was getting the worst of the fight, as Sanders had him down and was pounding him with the ax. when the officer succeeded in getting his revolver and shot at Sanders. The first shot did not seem to do him any injury. As he continued to pound the officer with the ax he would have hurt him badly, but that Hutchins had on a heavy overcoat coming high about his neck. Hutchins was obliged to shoot the second time and killed Sanders instantly.

Meanwhile, Officer Gowan was after the other thief, who had run and whom he did

not capture until in his house, and then only after shooting at him four times. Three shots took effect, and the man, whose name is Nally, is in a dying condition.

The men are both noted chicken thieves. One had been sentenced for the same offense some time ago. Many valuable chickens had been stolen in different parts of the city, and the police knew that these two men were the guilty parties, but as they covered their tracks carefully, it was necessary to catch them in the act. The chickens that were in the bag were fine Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks, and were identified by Mr. Jacob Miller as a part of about 200 which have lately been missing from the Millerdale

farm, in the suburbs of the city. Both officers have been placed under ar-

The scene of the fight between Officer Hutchins and Sanders was visited this morning by an Associated Press reporter, who says it looks as if a tough fight had taken place, and confirms the statements of Officer

Hutchins. An Important Decision.

Special to the Sentinel. GREENFIELD, Ind., Jan. 20 .- The case of the State ex rel. Francis T. Hord, Attorney General, vs. The Board of Commissioners of Hancock County was decided for the plaintiff. by Judge Forkner, to-day, by special finding. Commencing in 1856, and continuing about fifteen years, it was customary to pay the county officers fees for collecting the interest on the common school and Congressional funds loaned out of the interest received; and as the law provides such interest shall be for the purpose of furnishing tui-tion in common schools, the Attorney Gen-eral maintained that the officers should have been paid out of the general county funds; and the result of this will be that the county will be compelled to reimburse the school funds of all money so paid out, amounting to \$1,430.21, with interest. It is said the same practice has prevailed in half the countries of the State, and if this decision is upheld by the Supreme Court, the school fund of the State will receive a large sum.

Oliver Bros. & Phillips. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 20 .- The creditors of Oliver Bros. & Phillips and the Oliver & Robberts Wire Company met here thus morning to discuss the affairs of the firm. The attendance was large, all creditors being represented. H. W. Oliver presented a homa strip, was open to settlement. Men I statement asking an extension of five years, agent of the company to insure any person

unsecured claims to be paid with notes at 6 per cent. interest, and one-fifth to be paid | der any circumstances, allow the payannually; the firms to convey to trustees to secure payment, a mortgage on all their real estate in Alleghney and Westmoreland the United States in order to enable the | Counties. They also request a like exten-

The meeting adjourned without action ernment changed its policy, and Congress until the 22d inst. The assets of Oliver passed a law prohibiting the settlement of any more Indians in the Territory. He abilities, \$1,508,339. Assets of Oliver & Robberts Wirs Company, \$1,259,511; liabilities, \$902,432.

Seymour's Budget of News.

Special to the Sentinel. SEYMOUR, Ind., Jan. 20 .- The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Club, orgained here only a few months ago, held their first annual meeting at the City Building last night and elected officers to serve for the ensuing year as fellows: Louis Schneck, President; L D. Carpenter, First Vice President: John L. Kessler, Second Vice President, and Josish H. Andrews, Treasurer, The Board of Directors will elect a Secretary. The newly elected officers among our most prominent and wealthy business men, and the club is strong and represents several hundred thousand dollars. It has done more for the city in the way of encouraging and erecting manufactories than all the enterprises in the city combined. The club starts out in the new year under | bond. Others have tried to collect unjust favorable auspices.

The Jackson Circuit Court opened at Brownstown yesterday. A number of persons who were indicted at the last term for gambling put in an appearanc, and were fined and costed on pleas of guilty and went

on their way. Mr. James A. Jones and Miss Mattie Mitchell were united in marriage at Brownstown yesterday. The groom'is a popular and wellknown jeweler of English, Crawford County. and the bride was raised in this county and has been residing for some time in the family of Clerk Frank Burrell. The happy couple have gone to English, their future

Destructive Flames-Cold Weather.

Special to the Scutinel. THORNTOWN, Ind., Jan. 20.—The hardware store of P. A. Huffman, at this place, was and speculation of every combination and burned last night. The building and stock ring that extend into the Territory. A are a complete loss. The fire originated in the cellar. Loss on stock, \$4,500; loss on building, \$3,500; insurance on building, \$2,000; on stock, about \$2,500. The efficient work of Thorntown's improvised fire company saved the well-known store of Millikan & Sons and the livery stable of Sol Bom-

Mercury 15° below zero.

Haines Scared.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 20,-Temporary Speaker Haines applied to Mayer McCreery this morning for police to protect him. He said he understood he was in danger of personal violence. The Mayor informed bim that he had no jurisdiction over the Statehouse or Legislaturs; that the Legislature appointed its own policemen; and that he had the power to appoint as many as he deemed necessary. If anything disturbed the peace outside the State-house the Mayor would interfere,

A Lynching Bee in Prospect.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 20 .- A. M. Hamner, a grocer near Collierville, Tenn., was shot and killed last Friday, and two negroes named Jesse Jones and Pen Drumwright were arrested on suspicien. It was proved later that the latter did the killing. An unsuccessful attempt to shoot the negroes was made Sunday night, and it is supposed they will be lynched.

Killed by Tramps.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 20 .- While the trainmen on the Missouri Pacific were trying to eject two tramps at Overton Station, fifty miles north of this city, the conductor, John Frazier, was shot torough the lungs and William Powers, the brakeman, through the groin, and both mortally wounded. The tramps escaped.

A Preacher Kills His Man.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 20.-Rev. Charles F. Clark, a well-known clergyman of Houston County, while quarreling with a colored man, was attacked by the latter with a knife. The preacher, who had a cane in his hand, struck the negro on the head with it, killing him instantly. A Coroner's jury justified the preacher.

A Church Scandal.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 20 .- Rev. Dr. O'Sullivan, of St. Joseph's Church, at Camilius, one of the best known and ablest priests in the Diocese of Albany, has been silenced by the Bishop. The trouble grew out of the presence in his house of Mrs. Elien Doehner, of this city, whose husband is suing for

A Murderous Lover Hanged. GALWAY, Jan. 20 .- Thomas Parry, who murdered his sweetheart, Alice Burns, in November last, was hanged to-day. Parry was engaged to be married to Miss Burns but she broke off the engagement. He traveled over 100 miles for the purpose of

The Sharon-Hill Case Absconder.

committing the deed.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.-It is rumored that John McLaughlin, of G. W. Tyler's law office, who obtained \$25,000 from General Barnes, senior counsel for Ex-Senator Sharon in the divorce case, for a spurious agreement, has absconded with the money.

The Week's Exports. New York, Jan. 20 .- The exports (exclu-

sive of specie) from the port of New York for the week ended to-day sum up \$7,660,000.

Declared Unconstitutional. ALBANY, Jan. 20.-The Court of Appeals declares the tenement house cigar act unconstitutional.

Obituary. OINCINNATI, Jan. 20 .- Hon, Flamin Ball,

former law partner of Salmon P. Chase, died this morning.

Globe Life and Accident Association, The Globe Mutual Life and Accident As sociation, of Indianapolis, with central office in this city, is evidently a prosperous and prominent institution. Its prosperity is due to the basis upon which it has secured the very best class of policy holders, and its prominence is inseparable from this state of things, as it is largely due it in fact. The company is unusually well officered, and in Mr. M. E. Fraizer, the Secretary, the association has another stepping stone to prominence and continued prosperity, as he will not transcend the rule, will not permit any

over fifty-six years of age, and will not, unment of fraudulent claims, no matter how much bluster and threat accompanying their presentation. This firmness he has in his make-up, and it is also an essential element to the faithful discharge of his onerous duties. The policy bolders look to him for protection; the continued success of the company is predicated. upon his watchfulness and executive ability and it is due to him to say that during the four years of the company's existence they

have not counted upon him in vain. Recently a sourcilous publication and some parties with a claim, removed some degrees from the original, have tried to turn the Auditor of State's office into a collection surean against the Globe Company, but the project fell through, it seems. There are parties who are envious of the Globs Association and of its great success, and they try to elevate themselves by correspondingly lowering their competitors. As to the basis upon which they propose to work, the Santinel is in ignorance, but it would seem to be questionable to some degree so long as the Globe Company does business under a charter from the State and so long as there are courts to enforce all just claims against the company. Some time ago some farmers gave bond for custs, etc., in a certain case that has since been dismissed, and these farmers may have to suffer the loss of a few acres to make good their claims from Mr. Fraizer, but through fear of going to the State's big boarding house they have accepted their just due and settled. The Globe pays \$1,000 for every \$1,000 due, will pay only what it owes, and will con-tinue to do business at the old stand, it seems, regardless of the ljealous ones, To all this the stirring Secretary of the Company subscribes.

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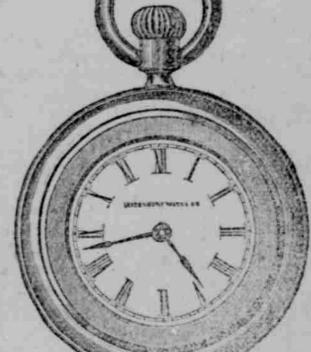




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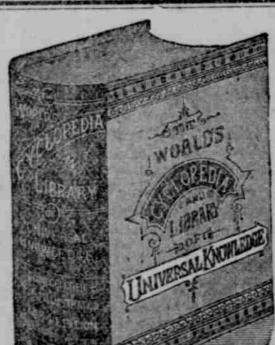
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